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JOURNAL ARTICLES ON PALESTINIAN INTERVIEWS

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1. FBIS TEXT OF NOV 26 FINANCIAL TIMES ARTICLE BY ALAIN  
CASS DATELINED BEIRUT QUOTES MUHSIN AS SAYING QUOTE ISRAEL  
WAS CREATED BY A UN RESOLUTION. THE SAME RESOLUTION CRE-  
ATED A PALESTINIAN STATE ALONG SIDE ISRAEL AND DEFINED ITS  
BORDERS. IF THE AMERICANS FORCED ISRAEL TO RETURN TO THE  
BORDERS OF PARTITION AND ALLOW THE PALESTINIANS THE RIGHT  
OF RETURN, THAT WILL CREATE ACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS FOR A  
NEW RELATIONSHIP RESULTING IN A STABLE AND JUST PEACE. IN  
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SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES WE WOULD END THE STATE OF WAR. UNQUOTE.

CASS THEN REPORTS MUHSIN AS ADDING THAT THE PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP NOW ACCEPTED THAT NEW MIDDLE EAST REALITIES DICTATED THEY ACHIEVE THEIR AIMS IN STAGES. CASS POINTS TO THESE REMARKS BY MUHSIN AS THE FIRST PUBLIC ADMISSIONS THAT THE PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP WOULD ACCEPT THE QUOTE ISRAELI REALITY UNQUOTE AND THAT THE PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP HAS MODERATED IF NOT ITS ULTIMATE AIMS AT LEAST ITS APPROACH.

2. WALL STREET JOURNAL ARTICLE BY JAMES RING ADAMS DATED NOVEMBER 22 NOTES THAT ANALYSTS REVIEWING ARAFAT SPEECH AT UN HAD DETECTED NO OPENINGS FOR COMPROMISE. ADAMS THEN

CITES INTERVIEW WITH QADDUMI AT WALDORF TOWERS IN WHICH PALESTINIAN REP DESCRIBED A QUOTE THREE STAGE UNQUOTE APPROACH WHICH CONCEIVABLY COULD BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN PALESTINIAN GOALS AND CURRENT MIDDLE EAST DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS. QADDUMI REPORTEDLY REFERRED TO ARAFAT'S QUOTE DEMOCRATIC, SECULAR STATE UNQUOTE AS A QUOTE DREAM UNQUOTE FOR THE DISTANT FUTURE. THE FIRST STAGE INVOLVED THE ESTABLISHMENT BY THE PLO OF A QUOTE NATIONAL AUTHORITY UNQUOTE OVER ANY QUOTE LIBERATED TERRITORY UNQUOTE, SPECIFICALLY THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. AS A SECOND STAGE, QADDUMI SAYS QUOTE WE WOULD HAVE TO SEE TO IT THAT REFUGEES WOULD RETURN TO THEIR PROPERTY ACCORDING TO A SCHEDULED TIME UNQUOTE, AND IN THE THIRD STAGE QADDUMI SAYS QUOTE WE WILL DECIDE HOW WE CAN ESTABLISH OUR DEMOCRATIC, SECULAR STATE. UNQUOTE.

3. IN ELABORATING FURTHER, QADDUMI SAID THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PROCESS IS NECESSARY SO THAT JEWS AND ARABS COULD LEARN TO QUOTE CO-EXIST IN PEACE UNQUOTE AND NOTED THIS STAGE WOULD REQUIRE A LONG TIME. ASKED ABOUT RUMORS THE PLO WOULD SET UP A GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE, QADDUMI SAID: QUOTE NOT YET. WE HAVE TO HAVE TERRITORY TO HAVE THIS PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, NOT TO HAVE IT HANGING IN THE AIR. I THINK WE SHOULD WAIT. UNQUOTE.

4. ADAMS NOTES THAT QADDUMI HAS NEVERTHELESS BEEN THINKING THROUGH THE PRACTICAL REQUIREMENTS OF A WEST BANK UNCLASSIFIED

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STATE, FOCUSING ON THE NEED FOR STRONG ALLIANCES TO OFFSET THREATS FROM BOTH ISRAEL AND JORDAN. ADAMS CONCLUDES HIS ARTICLE BY QUOTING QADDUMI AS SAYING: QUOTE WE HAVE TO IMPLEMENT ALL MEANS OF STRUGGLE NECESSARY FOR OUR STAGE OF NATIONAL STRUGGLE. WE SHALL SEE WHAT WILL BE THE BEST. IF WE COULD REALIZE OUR RIGHT THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS, WE WILL USE THEM. IF WE CAN REALIZE OUR RIGHT THROUGH MEDIATION, WE WILL USE IT. UNQUOTE.

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